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Economic conditions in Connecticut improved in March when 10,000 more people were working than during February, unemployment decreased and monthly gains were recorded in other indicators, it is reported by State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Nonagricultural employment rose by 10,000 to a record high 1,543,200 in March. This was 55,500 more people working than in March 1984 when employment stood at 1,487,700 (page 2). Manufacturing added 100 jobs last month and nonmanufacturing increased by 9,900 with construction up by 1,400 and wholesale and retail trade showing a 2,800 increase in jobs. Compared with March 1984, manufacturing employment increased by 11,400 and there was a 44,100 gain in nonmanufacturing with a 10,900 increase in retail trade jobs and 5,300 more people working in construction. Employment over the month was higher in 13 labor market areas, unchanged in Waterbury and down slightly in New Haven (pages 5 & 6).

Wages of factory workers in March averaged $397.85 weekly and $9.45 an hour for a 42.1-hour week, down slightly from February's $400.58 pay at $9.47 ~~hourly~~ for 42.3 hours (page 3). Last year wages averaged $387.54 weekly, $9.14 per hour for 42.4 hours a week. Computed for straight-time and 40 hours, hourly and weekly earnings were unchanged from February, $9.03 and $361.20, but 3.7 percent above the $8.71 hourly and $348.40 weekly wages in March 1984. Factory pay in March was highest in Norwich/New London and Bristol, followed by Hartford, Bridgeport, New Britain and Danbury (page 6).

Unemployment: Unemployment was estimated at 80,400 or 4.8 percent in March, down from 90,800 (5.4%) in February and 83,400 (5.1%) a year ago (page 4). The seasonally adjusted March rate dropped from 4.7 to 4.6 percent which compared with 4.8 percent last year. Unemployment rates decreased from February in all labor market areas.

Other Indicators: In addition to higher employment and a drop in unemployment, other economic indicators improved (page 7). Personal income of state residents reached a new, all-time high, there were fewer initial claims for unemployment insurance benefits and automobile registrations and manufacturing output both increased.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household, self-employed and unpaid family workers)

March 1985

	March 1985	February 1985(R)	March 1984(R)	% Change Mar.'85 over Feb.'85	% Change Mar.'85 over Mar.'84
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,543,200*	1,533,200*	1,487,700*	+ 0.7	+ 3.7
Manufacturing.....	425,200*	425,100*	413,800*	0.0**	+ 2.8
Durable.....	319,300*	319,400*	309,900*	0.0**	+ 3.0
Lumber & Furniture.....	7,300	7,300	6,900	0.0	+ 5.8
Primary Metals.....	15,300	15,700	16,200*	- 2.5	- 5.6
Fabricated Metals.....	52,600*	52,300*	52,400	+ 0.6	+ 0.4
Machinery exc. Elec.....	52,000	52,000	48,900	0.0	+ 6.3
Electrical Equipment....	62,400	62,600	60,100*	- 0.3	+ 3.8
Transportation Equipment	84,500	84,400	81,700*	+ 0.1	+ 3.4
Instruments & Clocks....	29,300	29,100	27,700	+ 0.7	+ 5.8
Other Durable.....	15,900	16,000	16,000	- 0.6	- 0.6
Nondurable.....	105,900	105,700	103,900	+ 0.2	+ 1.9
Food.....	14,400	14,100	13,300	+ 2.1	+ 8.3
Textile.....	6,500	6,500	7,300	0.0	- 11.0
Apparel.....	10,100	10,000	10,300	+ 1.0	- 1.9
Paper.....	10,000	10,200	10,000	- 2.0	0.0
Printing & Publishing...	27,100	26,800	25,200	+ 1.1	+ 7.5
Chemicals.....	22,600	22,600	22,000	0.0	- 2.7
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	13,700	14,000	14,300	- 2.1	- 4.2
Other Nondurable.....	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.0	0.0
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,118,000	1,108,100	1,073,900	+ 0.9	+ 4.1
Construction & Mining....	59,000	57,600	53,700	+ 2.4	+ 9.9
Transportation.....	35,200	34,700	33,900	+ 1.4	+ 3.8
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	13,700	13,600	13,000	+ 0.7	+ 5.4
Other Transportation....	21,500	21,100	20,900	+ 1.9	+ 2.9
Communications.....	19,800	19,900	18,700	- 0.5	+ 5.9
Utilities.....	12,900	12,900	12,500	0.0	+ 3.2
Trade.....	332,400	329,600	320,300	+ 0.8	+ 3.8
Wholesale.....	75,900	75,500	74,700	+ 0.5	+ 1.6
Retail.....	256,500	254,100	245,600	+ 0.9	+ 4.4
General Merchandise....	32,800	32,800	31,500	0.0	+ 4.1
Food Stores.....	48,500	48,000	46,400	+ 1.0	+ 4.5
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta...	28,300	28,000	27,200	+ 1.1	+ 4.0
Restaurants.....	74,900	73,600	72,000	+ 1.8	+ 4.0
Other Retail Trade.....	72,000	71,700	68,500	+ 0.4	+ 5.1
Finance, Ins. &..R.E.....	124,800	124,700	120,700	+ 0.1	+ 3.4
Banking.....	28,600	28,600	27,500	0.0	+ 4.0
Insurance.....	69,100	69,100	67,800	0.0	+ 1.9
Real Estate.....	11,300	11,200	10,800	+ 0.9	+ 4.6
Other Fin.,Ins. & R.E...	15,800	15,800	14,600	0.0	+ 8.2
Services.....	343,700	339,500	325,900	+ 1.2	+ 5.5
Hotel.....	8,700	8,600	7,500	+ 1.2	+ 16.0
Personal Services.....	16,900	16,700	16,600	+ 1.2	+ 1.8
Business Services.....	77,300	76,600	69,500	+ 0.9	+ 11.2
Health Services.....	109,300	108,900	107,100	+ 0.4	+ 2.1
Law & Professional.....	25,200	25,100	23,700	+ 0.4	+ .6.3
Educational Services....	34,900	33,600	33,170	+ 3.9	+ 3.6
Other Services.....	71,400	70,000	67,800	+ 2.0	+ 5.3
Government.....	190,200	189,200	188,200	+ 0.5	+ 1.1
Federal.....	22,600	22,400	22,100	+ 0.9	+ 2.3
State & Local.....	167,600	166,800	166,100	+ 0.5	+ 0.9

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
**Less than .05 percent.
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EARNINGS AND HOURS - MARCH 1985

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Mar. 1985	Feb. 1985	Mar. 1984	Mar. 1985	Feb. 1985	Mar. 1984	Mar. 1985	Feb. 1985	Mar. 1984
MANUFACTURING (Production and Related Workers)	$397.85	$400.58	$387.54	42.1	42.3	42.4	$ 9.45	$ 9.47	$ 9.14
DURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	411.52	413.34	401.12	42.6	42.7	42.9	9.66	9.68	9.35
Lumber & Furniture.....	306.79	298.08	284.41	42.2	41.4	41.1	7.27	7.20	6.92
Primary Metals.....	433.38	443.44	441.00	43.6	44.3	44.5	9.94	10.01	9.91
Fabricated Metals.....	371.28	376.09	365.51	42.0	42.4	42.8	8.84	8.87	8.54
Machinery.....	446.46	441.53	436.04	43.6	43.5	44.0	10.24	10.15	9.91
Electrical Equipment.....	336.57	336.17	324.43	41.5	41.4	41.7	8.11	8.12	7.78
Transportation Equipment.....	517.33	520.80	484.15	43.4	43.4	42.1	11.92	12.00	11.50
Instruments and Clocks.....	390.60	392.47	392.37	43.4	43.9	45.1	9.00	8.94	8.70
Other Durable Mfg.....	349.81	351.44	370.79	41.3	41.2	44.3	8.47	8.53	8.37
NONDURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	356.53	357.82	346.42	40.7	40.8	40.9	8.76	8.77	8.47
Food.....	370.86	374.43	349.85	42.0	42.5	41.5	8.83	8.81	8.43
Textiles.....	286.63	285.59	273.83	39.7	39.5	39.4	7.22	7.23	6.95
Apparel.....	229.65	224.72	217.15	37.1	36.9	37.7	6.19	6.09	5.76
Paper.....	422.26	431.64	435.62	43.0	43.1	46.0	9.82	9.90	9.47
Printing and Publishing.....	347.09	357.88	334.88	38.1	38.9	37.5	9.11	9.20	8.93
Chemicals.....	461.60	454.54	451.69	43.1	42.6	43.1	10.71	10.67	10.48
Rubber and Misc. Plastics....	329.52	323.89	313.17	42.3	41.9	41.7	7.79	7.73	7.51
Other Nondurable Mfg.....	289.42	305.14	262.07	37.2	38.0	36.5	7.78	8.03	7.18
CONSTRUCTION.....	602.55	571.52	604.51	39.0	37.6	37.9	15.45	15.20	15.95

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY STATISTICAL AREA

	March 1985		February 1985(R)		March 1984(R)	
	Number	Ratio to Labor Force	Number	Ratio to Labor Force	Number	Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals* Actual...	80,400	4.8	90,800	5.4	83,400	5.1
Seasonally Adjusted...		(4.6)		(4.7)		(4.8)
Statistical Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Bridgeport.....	11,500	5.3	13,100	6.0	12,200	5.8
Bristol.....	2,100	5.9	2,400	6.9	2,300	6.6
Danbury.....	4,200	4.0	5,000	4.8	4,000	4.0
Danielson.....	2,500	8.1	3,100	10.0	2,300	7.7
Hartford.....	18,700	4.6	20,800	5.2	19,900	4.9
Middletown.....	2,000	4.0	2,200	4.5	2,400	5.3
Lower River.....	500	3.5	600	4.1	500	3.6
New Britain.....	4,000	5.6	4,600	6.4	4,500	6.4
New Haven.....	12,500	5.0	14,200	5.6	13,500	5.6
New London/Norwich ..	6,500	5.1	7,000	5.5	5,300	4.4
Norwalk.....	3,000	3.6	3,400	4.2	3,200	4.0
Stamford.....	3,700	2.8	4,400	3.4	3,900	3.1
Torrington.....	2,700	6.7	3,000	7.6	3,200	7.9
Waterbury.....	6,300	6.2	6,500	6.4	5,600	5.7
Willimantic.....	1,000	3.6	1,200	4.5	900	3.6
U.S. Total - Actual....	8,625,000	7.5	8,902,000	7.8	9,057,000	8.1
Seasonally Adjusted....		(7.3)		(7.3)		(7.8)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967 = 100)

	Mar.'85	Feb.'85	Mar '84
All Items.....	318.8	317.4	307.3
Percent Change From.....	xxx	+ 0.4	+ 3.7

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

Statistical Area	Mar.'85	Feb.'85	Mar.'84(R)	Percent Change to Mar.1985 from: Feb.'85	Mar.'84
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Empl.	187,990	187,340	181,980*	+ 0.3	+ 3.3
Manufacturing	65,190	65,090	63,960*	+ 0.2	+ 1.9
Nonmanufacturing	122,800	122,250	118,020	+ 0.4	+ 4.1
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Empl.	24,050	23,900	23,240	+ 0.6	+ 3.5
Manufacturing	9,490	9,510	9,170	- 0.2	+ 3.5
Nonmanufacturing	14,560	14,390	14,070	+ 1.2	+ 3.5
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	75,630	75,250	72,600	+ 0.5	+ 4.2
Manufacturing	27,260	27,370	26,540	- 0.4	+ 2.7
Nonmanufacturing	48,370	47,880	46,060	+ 1.0	+ 5.0
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	21,980	21,840	21,310	+ 0.6	+ 3.1
Manufacturing	9,600	9,550	9,610	+ 0.5	- 0.1
Nonmanufacturing	12,380	12,290	11,700	+ 0.7	+ 5.8
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	426,360	424,240	420,700*	+ 0.5	+ 1.3
Manufacturing	93,450	93,110	91,510*	+ 0.4	+ 2.1
Nonmanufacturing	332,910	331,130	329,190	+ 0.5	+ 1.1
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	39,690*	39,170*	35,060	+ 1.3	+ 13.2
Manufacturing	10,380*	10,300*	9,950	+ 0.8	+ 4.3
Nonmanufacturing	29,310	28,870	25,110	+ 1.5	+ 16.7
LOWER RIVER					
Total Nonag. Empl.	12,450	12,360	11,900	+ 0.7	+ 4.6
Manufacturing	4,480	4,540	4,540	- 1.3	- 1.3
Nonmanufacturing	7,970	7,820	7,360	+ 1.9	+ 8.3
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	61,400	60,940*	60,060	+ 0.8	+ 2.2
Manufacturing	24,070	24,060*	24,070	+ 0.1	0.0
Nonmanufacturing	37,330	36,880	35,990	+ 1.2	+ 3.7
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	237,700	237,840	227,590	- 0.1	+ 4.4
Manufacturing	49,890	50,040	48,400	- 0.3	+ 3.1
Nonmanufacturing	187,810	187,800	179,190	0.0	+ 4.8
NEW LONDON-NORWICH**					
Total Nonag. Empl.	113,760	113,550	113,690*	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Manufacturing	36,230	36,150	36,290*	+ 0.2	- 0.2
Nonmanufacturing	77,530	77,400	77,400	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Empl.	70,040	69,360	67,310	+ 1.0	+ 4.1
Manufacturing	22,470	22,270	22,150	+ 0.9	+ 1.4
Nonmanufacturing	47,570	47,090	45,160	+ 1.0	+ 5.3
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	118,740	117,730	114,500	+ 0.9	+ 3.7
Manufacturing	30,420	30,100	30,110	+ 1.1	+ 1.0
Nonmanufacturing	88,320	87,630	84,390	+ 0.8	+ 4.6

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK (Continued)

Statistical Area	Mar.'85	Feb.'85	Mar.'84(R)	Percent Change to Mar.1985 from: Feb.'85	Mar.'84
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	27,910	27,600	27,930	+ 1.1	- 0.1
Manufacturing	7,760	7,850	7,560	- 1.1	+ 2.6
Nonmanufacturing	20,150	19,750	20,370	+ 2.0	- 1.1
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	84,750	84,740	83,020	0.0	+ 2.1
Manufacturing	29,620	30,060	29,390	- 1.5	+ 0.8
Nonmanufacturing	55,130	54,680	53,630	+ 0.8	+ 2.8
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Empl.	22,280	22,010	22,750	+ 1.2	- 2.1
Manufacturing	1,930	1,940	2,710	- 0.5	- 28.8
Nonmanufacturing	20,350	20,070	20,040	+ 1.4	+ 1.5

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

** The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are a part of the New London/ Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the estimates.

Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY STATISTICAL AREA MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar. 1985	Feb. 1985	Mar. 1984	Mar. 1985	Feb. 1985	Mar. 1984	Mar. 1985	Feb. 1985	Mar. 1984
Bridgeport	$418.32	$417.73	$404.70	41.5	41.4	42.6	$10.08	$10.09	$9.50
Bristol	434.29	432.01	428.82	41.4	41.7	42.5	10.49	10.36	10.09
Danbury	395.12	397.38	380.58	44.0	44.4	44.1	8.98	8.95	8.63
Danielson	353.62	348.60	318.38	41.7	41.5	39.6	8.48	8.40	8.04
Hartford	421.60	421.18	409.36	42.5	42.5	41.9	9.92	9.91	9.77
Middletown	357.28	358.98	INA	41.4	41.5	INA	8.63	8.65	INA
LowerRiver	320.99	324.01	INA	41.1	41.7	INA	7.81	7.77	INA
New Britain	402.48	401.10	389.48	42.1	42.0	41.7	9.56	9.55	9.34
New Haven	371.87	376.06	INA	41.0	41.6	INA	9.07	9.04	INA
New London/ Norwich*	436.15	433.13	INA	40.8	40.9	INA	10.69	10.59	INA
Norwalk	389.42	391.30	406.70	42.7	43.0	45.8	9.12	9.10	8.88
Stamford	392.28	391.92	392.54	42.5	42.6	42.9	9.23	9.20	9.15
Torrington	312.06	309.96	279.40	42.0	42.0	39.8	7.43	7.38	7.02
Waterbury	340.85	343.13(R)	337.80	43.2	43.6(R)	43.7	7.89	7.87(R)	7.73
Willimantic	376.71	373.68	316.57	43.3	43.2	38.7	8.70	8.65	8.18

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INA Information Not Available

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the statistical areas generally take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment		Personal Income Millions
	Actual (R)	Seas. Adj. (R)	Actual	Seas. Adj. (R)	Actual (R)	Seas. Adj. (R)	Seasonally Adj.
1984							
Jan....	1469.0	1489.9	6311	4506	5.7	5.0	4116.3
Feb....	1474.0	1498.3	3535	4315	5.5	4.9	4148.9
Mar....	1487.7	1503.7	2953	4080	5.1	4.8	4158.2
Apr....	1509.5	1511.4	3362	4047	4.6	4.5	4165.2
May....	1523.5	1516.1	3006	3966	4.5	4.7	4183.7
Jun....	1542.1	1525.1	3710	3798	4.5	4.6	4205.7
Jul....	1530.7	1534.0	5902	4012	4.6	4.5	4243.9
Aug....	1528.6	1545.9	2966	3364	4.3	4.4	4266.7
Sep....	1548.2	1538.0	2445	3573	4.0	4.4	4291.7
Oct....	1555.3	1543.2	2852	3641	4.0	4.4	4344.9
Nov....	1564.2	1548.6	4007	4100	4.2	4.5	4381.8
Dec....	1575.6	1555.2	8138	4786	4.4	4.5	4415.4
1985							
Jan....	1535.7	1557.5	7209	5149	5.6	4.9	4452.5
Feb....	1533.2	1558.1	3943	4814	5.4	4.7	4481.3
Mar....	1543.2	1560.4	3375	4662	4.8	4.6	4484.8
Apr....							
May....							
Jun....							
Jul....							
Aug....							
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

	Auto Registration		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Actual	Seas. Adj. (R)	Actual	Seas. Adj. (R)	Actual (R)	Seas. Adj. (R)
1984						
Jan....	8799	10000	42.2	42.1	121.5	117.1
Feb....	12198	17102	42.5	42.5	123.7	119.8
Mar....	11295	10452	42.4	42.3	124.4	119.8
Apr....	10362	12059	42.9	42.9	126.6	122.0
May....	14081	13736	42.4	42.5	126.6	122.2
Jun....	15288	13232	42.4	42.5	126.9	122.9
Jul....	12301	13100	42.3	42.6	106.0	121.7
Aug....	17301	14362	41.8	42.1	107.5	122.3
Sep....	14021	13443	42.5	42.6	127.3	124.1
Oct....	13259	13619	42.5	42.6	127.6	124.5
Nov....	15308	13173	42.8	42.5	129.7	124.7
Dec....	11705	12222	42.8	42.4	117.7	125.0
1985						
Jan....	8869	10078	42.4	42.3	128.6	123.9
Feb....	10792	15136	42.3	42.3	127.8	123.7
Mar....	20947	19377	42.1	42.0	128.8	124.1
Apr....						
May....						
Jun....						
Jul....						
Aug....						
Sep....						
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

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CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid (000)	Employer Contributions Collected (000)
1970	43,905	$ 130,251	$ 65,641
1971	69,403	229,238	63,191
1972	51,737	161,851	92,681
1973	36,314	117,610	114,163
1974	49,255	163,258	124,859
1975	83,971	298,345	140,940
1976	67,864	238,013	164,922
1977	53,699	193,150	177,719
1978	37,220	138,351	189,892
1979	30,876	114,926	181,376
1980	37,463	163,644	174,402
1981	36,507	173,725	167,840
1982	47,952	262,962	183,732
1983	40,251	232,255	201,578
1984	25,428	154,180	238,514
Jan'84	38,570	$ 18,793	$ 7,372
Feb	35,104	18,279	13,302
Mar	32,625	17,345	636
Apr	27,760	14,132	25,197
May	23,249	12,743	98,801
Jun	21,725	10,175	1,217
Jul	24,122	11,761	20,710
Aug	23,792	11,118	37,928
Sep	18,999	8,854	1,278
Oct	17,547	9,470	11,577
Nov	18,999	9,812	19,889
Dec	22,895	11,696	603
Jan'85	35,726	19,865	7,284
Feb	34,383	19,148	16,465
Mar	31,626	17,500e	726p
Apr			
May			
Jun			
Jul			
Aug			
Sep			
Oct			
Nov			
Dec			

*Interest bearing
p-preliminary e-estimated r-revised
NOTE: Dollar amounts are in thousands

Federal Loans (000)

1972	$ 31,800
1973	21,700
1974	8,500
1975	203,000
1976	137,000
1977	75,000
1978	37,000
1983	63,806*

Direct Loan Repayments (000)

1976	$ 26,000
1977	27,300
1978	37,300
1979	39,600
1984	30,876

Loan Repayments Via Employer Tax Credit Reduction (000)

1975	$ 12,906
1981	46,537
1982	49,496
1983	53,975
1984	57,349

Total Outstanding Loans - (2/28/85)

Non-interest bearing:
$ 163,201,064

Interest bearing:
$ 32,930,407

Ct. UC Trust Fund Reserve - (3/31/85)

$ 78 million(e)

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Improvement in several segments of the Connecticut economy continued during April when increased employment set a new all-time high and the actual unemployment rate dropped one-tenth of a percent, according to State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Nonfarm employment advanced over the month by 13,400 jobs to a record level of 1,556,600, a 47,100 increase from April 1984 (Page 2). A monthly decline of 1,200 manufacturing jobs was offset by an increase of 14,600 in nonmanufacturing categories. Construction added 4,000 jobs from March, retail trade was up by 3,900, there was a 2,300 increase in restaurant employment and other services, up by 2,800. Employment was higher in April in 14 labor markets and down slightly in New London/Norwich (pages 5 & 6).

Hourly earnings of factory production workers set a new high of $9.48 for a 41.8-hour workweek, down from March's 42.1 hours (page 3). Weekly earnings averaged $396.26. Computed on a straight-time, 40-hour week basis, hourly wages in April were $9.08 and $363.20 a week, up from $9.03 and $361.20 in March and 4.4 percent above last year's $8.70 per hour and $348 weekly. Factory workers in the New London/Norwich area earned the highest weekly pay, followed by Bristol, Bridgeport, Hartford, New Britain and Stamford (page 6).

Unemployment: Overall unemployment dropped in April by 1,800 to 78,600 and the actual rate from 4.8 to 4.7 percent (page 4). The seasonally adjusted rate moved up one-tenth to 4.7 percent. Unemployment was lower in 10 labor market areas, unchanged in three and up in Stamford and Willimantic. Unemployment estimates include those persons receiving unemployment benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits had expired and persons entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Indicators: Elsewhere in the economy (page 7), average initial filings for unemployment insurance benefits (seasonally adjusted) were down, and manufacturing output reflected the slightly shorter April workweek.

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A profile of the 1984 labor force in Connecticut is attached.

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